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SUBJECT: CUBAN DIPLOMAT TALKS OF POSSIBLE CASTRO VISIT

AT A LUNCHEON FOR THE DIPLOMATIC ASSOCIATION ON 3 MAY,
LINO SALAZAR CHIA, AN OFFICIAL OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN PANAMA,
MENTIONED TO EMBOFF THE POSSIBILITY OF A VISIT TO PANAMA BY
CUBAN PREMIER FIDEL CASTRO. ALTHOUGH HIS REMARKS WERE MADE
IN A SOMEWHAT JOCOSE TONE, SALAZAR DID POINT OUT THAT GENERAL
TORRIJOS' VISIT TO CUBA IN 1976 HAS NEVER BEEN RETUNED BY
THE CUBAN LEADER. IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER SUCH
A VISIT IS NOW BEING PLANNED IN HAVANA, SALAZAR STATED THAT IT
IS JUST HIS OWN THINKING. HE INDICATED THAT IF YUCH A VISIT
WERE TO TAKE PLACE, HOWEVER, IT WOULD NOT HAPPEN UNTIL AFTER
PRESIDENT CARTER'S VISIT TO PANAMA. SALAZAR AND A SECOND
CUBAN OFFICIAL, FELIPE RUIZ O'FARRIL, THEN BEGAN JOKING ABOUT
HOW CASTRO CERTAINLY COULD NOT HAVE COME TO PANAMA DURING THE
NEGOTIATIONS OR THE U.S. SENATE WOULD HAVE DONE MORE
THAN ADD THOSE AMENDMENTS.
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